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BASED THEREON

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (with attached reference) responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed July 31, 2001, and a return postcard. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension, fees for excess claims and any fee, including any submitted herewith if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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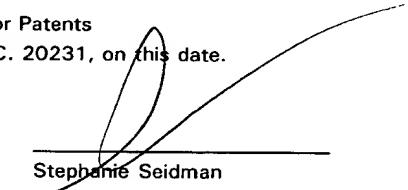
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 31, 2001, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendment, either places the case into condition for allowance or reduces the number of issues for appeal. For example, claims 88 and 89 are cancelled. Claims 27-32 and 42 are amended as required by the Examiner, and, hence, should be in condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 88 and 89 without prejudice or disclaimer.